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ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR NEXT ANNUAL MEETING

At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Indiana State Bar Association held on Thursday, January 28, at the State House, Indianapolis, it was unanimously decided to hold the next annual meeting at Michigan City on Thursday and Friday, July 8 and 9. It was contemplated at the time that an enjoyable social program might well be arranged for the members and their families on Saturday, July 10. The official business of the meeting, however, will be transacted on Thursday and Friday, July 8 and 9.

We are holding our annual meeting this year at Michigan City on the special invitation of the Bar Association there. It has been suggested that the annual meeting of the bar association be held in different parts of the state from year to year in so far as that is compatible with the comfort and convenience of the members. All the officers were inclined to feel that Michigan City in July would be a most favorable place for holding the meeting. It is particularly opportune this year since lawyers from the East will be traveling to Denver, Colorado for the annual meeting of the American Bar Association at Denver on July 14, 15 and 16. It seemed quite likely that we could secure men of national prominence and exceptional ability to address our state meeting when they were en route for the national meeting at Denver.

President George O. Dix was authorized to make all the arrangements with speakers and guests as well as arrange the entire program. It is impossible for him to announce the names of the speakers or the details of the program at this time. These will all be announced in *THE JOURNAL* as soon as the invitations have been accepted and the details of the program have been determined.

The Board of Managers are reliably informed that Michigan City has excellent hotels and accommodations for the members of our association and their families. It is known that the city and the surrounding suburbs and the lake shore provide admirable golf, bathing, boating, and other means of recreation.

There will be later announcements about facilities for reaching Michigan City. Some members may reach Michigan City most easily by going direct to Chicago and taking a suburban train from there. It is expected that a special train will be run from Indianapolis or elsewhere to meet the convenience of members.

The one definite assurance that can be given at this time is that the meeting will be held at the time indicated and that the ability of the speakers will make attendance a significant and valuable matter

for every member of the association. There will be important matters for the association to pass upon in the management of its own affairs as well as questions of law upon which our organization will want to express its position.

Make arrangements to attend now. Date: July 2, 9 (10); Place: Michigan City, Indiana.

EXAMINATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO THE BAR

At the request of the committee of the state bar association on *Legal Education* of which James M. Ogden, Esquire, of Indianapolis is chairman, the following letter was mailed to the judge of the circuit court of each county in Indiana and a similar letter to the president of the bar association in each county in the state by President George O. Dix and Secretary Joel A. Baker. This letter was mailed to the judges and presidents of the local bar associations in furtherance of the plan to require candidates for admission to the bar to pass an examination as a prerequisite. Inclosed with these letters was a copy of *Uniform Admission Rules* which were prepared by the *Committee on Legal Education* of which Mr. Ogden is chairman. These are rules for admission to the circuit and superior courts of Indiana. The letter to the circuit judges is as follows:

Dear Judge:

Enclosed you will find a copy of uniform rules for admission to the Bar in the Circuit and Superior Courts of Indiana together with a form of application and form of court order.

These rules were prepared by the committee on legal education of the Indiana State Bar Association and have been adopted by the Association.

You will notice by a perusal of pages 1 and 2 of the enclosed pamphlet a brief history of the movement for uniform admission rules. We have written the President of your local bar association and enclosed him a copy of the rules and asked that he co-operate with you in putting into effect these rules in your county. If the President does not bring this matter to your attention, will you not please be so kind as to call his attention to this matter and urge that immediate action be taken in connection therewith?

Please let us hear from you as to any suggestions which you have to make in relation to this matter.

Copies of this booklet covering the *Uniform Admission Rules* may be secured from the Secretary. This plan of requiring examinations for admission to the bar has been in operation for some time in several counties in the state. There has been a widespread demand by members of the bar that it be adopted in every county.

PROFESSIONAL NEWS

The news contained in *News of Bench and Bar* for this month has been secured largely through clippings from the newspapers which the editor has obtained direct. Unfortunately very little material has been mailed in voluntarily by officers of local bar associations or individual members of the bar. Reports indicate that the *News of Bench*

and Bar is valued by the members of the association. Unfortunately however, the habit has not been formed of mailing in the news which makes this part of the journal possible.

It would be a great service if the secretary of every bar association in the state would mail in some newspaper clipping or some account in his own words of any bar association meeting or matter of professional legal interest in his locality. Indeed it is hard to see how an accurate and complete report of professional news in the state can be continued indefinitely unless this coöperation is secured.

But it is important not to blame the officers of bar associations for all deficiencies in the matter of news. Individual members are often in possession of news which they fail to send in. It is hoped particularly that the lawyers of the state will mail in a brief note of their change in professional address or professional connections so that the *Legal Directory* may be an accurate and complete reference. It is almost impossible to secure this information except from the particular members who are interested. They should not feel restrained by modesty from mailing it in to the editor. On the contrary it is a great courtesy on their part to make this information available so that a directory which the bar can refer to with interest may be published each month.

Our readers will notice that the *News of Bench and Bar* is placed toward the end of this issue of the journal and that it is given in smaller type. This change was made because the new location was thought to be more appropriate and the small type enables us to print more news in less space. Its new location seems appropriate as this detailed news given under the several congressional districts is in its nature a matter of reference which each lawyer will turn to according to his personal and professional interests in the different parts of the state. Thus we have the *Recent Case Notes* and the *Book Reviews* also at the end of the journal not because they are of less importance than other parts; indeed, in view of value to the bar and the amount of careful work required for their preparation, it would be hard to fix upon any other part of the journal as more important. But they are found at the end because they are properly matters of reference which our readers will use as they would a reference book in their own office.

It is our policy to print items which involve news of lawyers who are candidates for legal offices or have been appointed or elected to such offices. This seems proper since the various bar associations are quite justly and quite frequently concerned about securing competent men for judicial positions. But no mention will be made of political offices which do not primarily involve legal affairs.

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